

## Righteousness Through Faith

Read: Romans 3:21-31; "But now apart from the law a righteousness of God hath been manifested."

The ingenuity of men's mind tends toward the belief that men can do almost anything that he resolves to accomplish. The achievements of men in the twentieth century have added to the seven wonders of the world. But the wonder of wonders is "the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ." No man of his own accord would have thought that sinners can appear righteous in God's sight. In short, "The righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ" is God's way of saving sinners. The Word of God does not dally about man's good points but cuts across all his virtues with the sweeping statement "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." We have sinned and are sinners. This is the verdict from the Word of God. All have sinned, all are guilty, all are helpless, and the "wages of sin is death." This is the tragic aftermath of sin.

"But God commedeth His own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." Therefore the righteousness that the saved sinners have before God, is theirs, because of the juridical act of God. "being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." The fact of their being sinners does not make it impossible for God to render the verdict of righteousness. The question arises inevitably. How can God declare righteousness to a sinner, whose sins deserve the verdict of "guilty"? Indeed this is the most difficult thought that our minds can wrestle with, and the text gives the answer of Holy Writ, that God "might himself be just and the justifier of him that hath faith in Jesus." The righteousness of God is the righteousness which a righteous God requires. The righteousness which sinners receive is the "righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ." The sinner is not made righteous but he has a righteousness that is valid before God. The sinner does not receive God's righteousness but the righteousness that the righteousness of God demands. God's verdict of righteousness upon the believers becomes ours the moment faith is kindled in us by the gospel, which reveals this righteousness. Faith in the "redemption that is in Christ Jesus," makes the sinner righteous before God. Our faith is reckoned for righteousness. "For what saith the scriptures?" "And Abraham believed God and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness." Also, "to him that believeth on him justifieth ungodly, his faith is reckoned for righteousness."

God was just at Calvary. God's righteousness and holiness demanded that justice must be satisfied at Calvary. Only Christ "whom God set forth to be a propitiation" could satisfy the holy demands of God's wrath upon sin. Christ's atoning death on the cross fulfilled the requirements of God's justice. Christ has paid the price for sin. He made atonement for our sins on the cross. Every true believer who trusts in the shed blood of Christ's alone, as the hope of salvation has the righteousness that avails before God.

—H. C. S.

There is no petition too little, any more than too great, for God to grant, if it is in harmony with His will.—J. Hudson Taylor.

## Impressions From Scandinavian Countries

By J. PRECHT

I have been asked to write a brief resume of my recent trip to the Scandinavian countries. I shall try to do so as I know that there are many of the readers of The Shepherd who would like to receive some impressions from the land of their birth, and in which many have spent both their childhood and youth. In order not to be misunderstood, let me make it clear that my visit to Denmark and Norway was of an entirely private nature. My primary purpose was to visit my mother and my relatives that I had not seen for almost twenty years. What I saw and learned beside may not always give a true and accurate picture of the prevailing condition. Due to the nature of my visit I did naturally not see everything.

It may be of interest to mention that I travelled on the Swedish American Line. Going to Europe I sailed on the Drottingholm, and coming back on the Gripsholm. We were on the ocean four Sundays all together. On Sundays worship services were arranged for; I was asked to conduct services. On the Drottingholm we were not so many passengers so we had only one service for all who would like to be along. That was on First Class dining room. On the Gripsholm there were many more passengers; there another party conducted the services on First Class. Norway has always had a fascinating attraction for me; I had never been there before, but now I should soon see it. It was the morning of January 26th that we saw the first glimpse of Norway's rocky coast. We sailed quite close to land for some time, then it disappeared again. Late that evening we arrived at Gothenburg, Sweden. From there the passengers departed in different directions. We had been bound together by external bonds for some time, now to part for, most likely not to meet again here on earth. Some were going to Norway; some to Finland; others to different parts of Sweden; I, among others, was to proceed by sleeping car to Copenhagen. Most of my time in Denmark was spent with relatives and friends.

I visited Copenhagen a couple of times. There I had the privilege to worship in the beautiful cathedral, "Vor Frues Kirke." It is in that church that Thorvaldsen's statue of Christ is standing on the altar. Along the side walls are statues of the eleven apostles and of the Apostle Paul. The baptismal font is a kneeling angel with a huge oyster shell in his arms. All by Thorvaldsen and are in white marble.

On March 10th, I sailed for Norway, leaving Denmark from the little harbor, Frederikshavn, in the northern part of Jylland. It was blowing a fresh gale over the Skagerak that afternoon and evening, so not many of the passengers were down in the dining room for supper. I had fortified myself with pills that were supposed to be good for seasickness, I had my supper, and enjoyed it too, but as soon as I left the dining room I had to admit the ineffectiveness of the pills. So I went to bed with an empty stomach nevertheless. At Oslo the next forenoon as I waited that the train should go north, I walked around to see some of the city. I went down around Akerhus and along Karl Johans Gate to the Royal Palace. On my return from the north I had a little more time. I was then in at the Independent Theological Seminary where Hallesby is the dean. But as it was during the Easter vacation there were no classes. A student, however, who

came along, was kind enough to show me round in the building. It would have been nice to have taken in some of the lectures there.

My first place to visit after leaving Oslo, was at Tangen. Asbjorn Nyheim who used to be here in Canada, and with whom I had attended both Bible school and College at Camrose, lives there. A. Nyheim is a secretary with the Santal Mission Society. It was good to enjoy the hospitality of these friends, Mrs. Nyheim and Asbjorn Nyheim, who has his theological training from the Independent Theological Seminary at Oslo.

It was my privilege to preach at Tangen Church the Sunday I was there. From Tangen my journey took me through Romsdalen to Aandalnes and from there by bus to Vikebukt to visit my wife's aunt. Romsdalen is magnificent with its rocked mountains. Vikebukt is an inlet in Trestjord beautifully surrounded by mountains. I stayed at Vikebukt three days. While there I took part in the meeting in the little mission house. It was the China mission society which sponsored a week of special meetings. From Vikebukt I went to Throndheim. There I met a cousin of the Vinges and also visited my wife's cousin's. On Palm Sunday I worshipped in the cathedral at Throndheim. It is by far the most beautiful church that I have ever seen. Even before we entered the church, as we were walking around outside and looked at the building, when the bells began to ring and call us to worship, I felt a lump in my throat. I thought it was so beautiful to listen to the sweet music of the bells.

While at Throndheim I was also out to Stordalen, where my wife's father was born on one of the Haave farms. On our way back we were in to see the Varnes church, one of the oldest stone churches in Norway. I believe it was built in the eleventh century. From Norway I went back to Denmark to celebrate Easter with my folks. I helped with the Communion service in my home church on Holy Thursday evening, and preached there at the Good Friday Service. On Easter Day I preached in a church close to where my older sister lives. The ninth of April I left Denmark, travelling again through southern Sweden to Gotheburg, and from there to New York and back to Canada.

Looking back over my trip I am thankful for the privilege of making this visit to the land of my birth and to the places where I had spent my childhood and youth. I am also thankful for the opportunity to visit Norway, where so many of our people have come from and where my wife's parents came from. I am more thankful than ever to the land in which I now live and have my home and my work. I shall also be more thankful to God for the church that He has given us in which to worship and to serve Him. The Scandinavian countries are possibly those countries in Europe that are best off. We find no starvation there. Practically all food and clothing are rationed. There is a shortage of fats and soap particularly. Imported goods are unobtainable, due to the shortage of dollars, or hard valuta. That means than many of the things that we are taking for granted such as oranges, dried fruit, spices, and many other things cannot be bought at all. In Denmark you cannot buy pure wheat nor whole milk. Meat is very scarce both in Denmark and in Norway. Today we see very few traces of material destruction in those

## Topics of Interest WHO ARE THE PAGANS

That question had occurred to me before, but it was after a short talk with a missionary the other day that this question burned itself into my soul. I had asked him about the progress of the work on the mission field. His answer was to this effect: "The whole pagan world is being roused and is opening its doors to the Gospel of Christ, but you folks here at home are becoming pagan."

—You folks here at home are becoming pagan. That was the verdict of a man who compared the so called Christian lands and society of today with what they were seven, fifteen, and twenty-five years ago, and who compared the developments in mission lands with the developments "here at home."

—You folks here at home are becoming pagan! I wish I could convince myself that this is not true or merely an overstatement. But I fear that it describes altogether too truthfully what it taking place among us.

Who are the pagans? The fundamental distinction between pagan and Christian is not one of outward appearance or accomplishments. It is not in the kind of clothes they wear, nor the color of their skin, nor the amount of knowledge they have. The pagan may wear a white collar as well as a loin-cloth. Instead of a spear he may wield atomic weapons. The tom-tom he beats may not be a prelude to a cannibal feast but a postlude to a personal faith in the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Who are the pagans? One dictionary definition says that a pagan is a worshipper of some other than the God of Revelation. Both pagan and Christian are worshippers, but of different things. The Christian worships the Revealed God of the Bible through Christ as Saviour, the pagan worships something else. When men reject the God of the Bible to substitute one according to their own ideas and desires, then paganism begins.

The only way out of the gathering darkness of paganism is to come back to the Bible with its God and Saviour. May we first of all permit Christ to cleanse us from the paganism of our own sinful hearts, and then receive grace to shine as lights pointing men back from paganism to Christ—the true and eternal life.

—A. K. H.

two countries. But we see other marks left from the war. I visited one burial place in Denmark where more than a hundred, mostly young men, have been buried, all having been executed by the Germans during the war.

My impression, however, was that the most suffering during the war had not been caused by the occupying armies, but by people of their own nation who had turned traitors, and entered the service of the enemy. Political fanatics are the worst people at any time. The people over there are working hard to get on their feet economically; everything they can spare is for export to bring valuta into their country. They desire nothing more than to be left alone and to be permitted to build up their countries again. Cost of living is high and taxes are high, but we hear little complaint. There are other things that worry them more, and that is the possibility of another war. I believe that the people over there fear the Communists more than anything else. They are too close to them to feel safe. They have socialist governments, but they are

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### WHAT A CHURCH!

The above was our exclamation after the World Council of Churches debate at our recent convention and we again exclaim it today.

Perhaps there is no other Church that stands for what she thinks and believes as does ours. This was evidenced in several ways at the convention.

The debate on the World Council was as clean-cut as anything one wants to hear. Even though there were some small personalities acting in an un-Christian manner before convention time, there was none of it revealed as one after another took the floor to definitely state why he was for or against the World Council and our joining it. It is good to know that even though we are a very personal church, we can look at such a problem, where the feeling ran high, with such objectivity. Even though we would personally like to have seen things turn out differently yet it gave us a real thrill to know we have a church that will take nothing lying down.

In the discussion of the drive for the schools this same frankness as to what we want our schools to be, was evidenced. There is no doubt that certain tendencies have to be watched (a committee was appointed to look into the whole matter) and that Christ has to be the centre of everything or our very Cause is lost. Yet, in spite of this keenly felt need there was no retrenchment but a desire to surge ahead and therefore a \$2,000,000 drive was voted.

Again when it came to the budget, it was the same desire to carry through what she thought best, that prompted the church to act. Board of Trustees or no Board of Trustees, Board of Reviews or no Board of Reviews, the Church knew what she wanted and knew why. And when she found the solution she acted whether it meant several hundred thousand dollars more or not.

There is something invigorating to belong to a church like ours. The verity, the stamina, the vigor and the decisiveness with which she approaches a problem and makes her decisions well accounts for the way she is making her mark and is growing at the rate of 40,000 members a year.

Perhaps with such vim there might be a tendency to lose some of the graciousness that should mark a church such as ours. This was perhaps best revealed in the elections. However, when youth begins to express itself it does not always use the very best judgment. But this must all be taken with the rest and if we learn as we progress ours will continue to be a church that shall not only be felt among other Lutheran bodies but which is and shall be felt in all bodies of Protestantism and Romanism as well.

God bless our Church! What a Church we do have!

—M. A. Dale.

People who cannot find time for recreation are obliged sooner or later to find time for illness.

—John Wanamaker.

## News Items

### TRINITY LUTHER LEAGUE ESTEVAN, SASK.

Thirty-five Luther League members and visitors from Estevan motor-ed to Midale to attend the joint Luther League rally at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on April 25th.

The afternoon topics, "To Hold Young People for Christ," and "To Win Young People for Christ," given by Alma Nelson of Estevan and Elvin Hoium of Midale, respectively formed the theme for the program. The Midale band supplied special musical numbers at the afternoon session: Marion and Marvin Munshaw of Estevan played piano duets and solos at both the afternoon and evening sessions. The Midale and Estevan choirs presented five joint choir numbers as well as individual items. Several solos, duets, trios, quartets, and readings added further enjoyment to the day.

After the evening session Rev. S. Bue showed colored slides depicting "The Life of Dr. David Livingstone."

An estimated 72 Leaguers and guest sat down to the banquet supper served in the church basement.

—Helen Ellingson, Estevan.

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### NEW OFFICERS OF TRINITY L.L. ESTEVAN

President, Alma Nelson; vice-president, John Jacobsen; secretary, Harold Romnes; treasurer, Herum Knutson; P.T.L. secretary, Helen Ellingson; librarian, Gladys Haukeness; ushers, Elvin Hauksness and Clarence Lindgren.

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### Pastor Ostrem Leaves Canada

Pastor Gustav Ostrem left for Joliet, Illinois, to take over a parish there. He has served in Canada District since his ordination. His last parish was Ryley. May the Lord bless Pastor Ostrem and his family.

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On June 6 Pastor Osborne Olsen, Dawson Creek, B.C., was united in marriage to Ellen Christianson of Tilley, Alberta. The wedding took place in the Danish Church at Tilley. Pastor A. Th. Schultz gave the wedding message and Pastor A. M. Vinge performed the ceremony. A large crowd was in attendance.

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On June 30th Pastor Galen Morstad was united in marriage to Judith Ree of Bentley, Alberta. The wedding was performed by District president Mars. A. Dale.

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Pastor H. A. Strand of Valhalla Centre, Alberta, has accepted a call from the parish at Kyle, Saskatchewan.

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Dr. J. C. K. Preus, executive director of the Board of Education, Minneapolis, attended the Camrose Lutheran College Board meeting and Association meeting on June 7th.

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Joseph Johnson has conducted special meetings in Asker congregation, and Alfred Tysseland conducted tent meetings near Parkland church near Camrose.

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### Lake Alma Parish Gives Their Pastor Fine Send Off

A large crowd from the Lake Alma parish gathered and gave Pastor Rude and family a fine farewell party on June 27th. A large purse of money was presented them by Mrs. James Torkelson, who spoke on behalf of the seven congregations of the parish, and expressing their sincere thanks for their service. Victor Melby was master of ceremonies and also paid the guests some fine tributes.

A bounteous lunch was served. Pastor Rude spoke of the marvelous promise in Matt. 6:33, and as the services drew to a close the most wonderful rain of the year was poured upon the entire district. Thus ended their service in this parish amidst most blessed circumstances. We praise God for all His goodness.

### Annual Meeting of the Camrose Lutheran College Association

At the annual meeting of the College Association, Mr. Iver Moen of Tofield was elected as a member of the College board for a term of two years. The following were elected for three years: Rev. I. Saugen, Viking; Mr. Oscar Likness, Irma; Mr. Walter Heiland, Round Hill.

As president of the College Association and of the Board of Directors, Mr. Arnold Hoveland of Camrose was elected, and as vice-president, Mr. Iver Moen, Tofield. The secretary is Rev. K. C. Grundahl.

### SASKATOON IN 1949

"It looks like a big convention in Saskatoon," said our L.L. evangelist, A. L. Abrahamson, at the board meeting. He reported that in his travels from coast to coast he had found great enthusiasm among Leaguers everywhere to come to the International convention in Saskatoon. 'Abe' said we should look for as many as we had in Milwaukee last summer. (There were about 4,500 registered at Milwaukee). We hope that 'Abe' is right. It will take work to care for them all, but we know that Canadian Leaguers are not afraid of work.

Some of you Leaguers should begin now to plan for the summer of 1949 so that you can get your holidays before and during the Saskatoon convention, so that you can help with the work in Saskatoon. Many Milwaukee Leaguers did that for the Milwaukee convention.—The Canadian Leaguer.

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### Dates Changed

When Pastors Oscar Hanson and Oscar Anderson visited Saskatoon in the interest of planning for the International Luther League Convention in Saskatoon next year, it was decided that the convention should be held June 29 to July 3, instead of July 22-26.

### NOTIFY US

Any change of address to be printed in the Lutheran Almanac and the Folkekalender for 1949 must reach the office of the general secretary not later than August 15. It is very important that the clergy roster be accurate and up to date in these publications. A. J. Bergsaker, general secretary.

### SUNSET HOME IN CAMROSE

It would no doubt be of interest to our readers to know what progress has been made with regard to the proposed new Sunset Home at Camrose, Alberta.

The committee in charge has been able to secure a very fine site in the south-eastern part of the town. Eight lots have been secured in Block 22, lying along 45 Avenue, between 46 and 47 Streets. A bill has been piloted through the Legislature which gives tax exemption to the property.

The committee in charge of planning the building has had many meetings, some of which have been in Camrose and others at the office of the architects in Edmonton. At the present time the plans for the building are in Edmonton and the architects are working on the specifications. We will be advertising for tenders in the near future and it is hoped that work will be started on the building within a few weeks. We are hoping to have a picture painted of the

proposed building and a "cut" will be made so that a picture of the proposed building can be shown to the public. We hope to have this "cut" in the very near future so that a picture can be shown in The Shepherd. The response for funds has been very gratifying. Many have paid their pledges in full; others have made partial payments with the understanding that the balance will be paid when building operations commence. Others have promised to make additional pledges when building operations started. The canvass for funds in Alberta is not yet completed but will be completed this summer. Recently a considerable amount of money has come in in the form of memorials to dear ones who have passed away. This is very much appreciated. Anyone desiring to make contributions to the proposed Sunset Home may send their contributions to Mr. E. M. Bergh, Box 91, Camrose, Alberta.

More news concerning this project will be given to the readers of The Shepherd at a later date.

### BETHANY SUNSET HOME DONATIONS

Listed below are donations received by the Bethany Sunset Home, Bawlf, Alberta:

Armena, Alberta:  
In memory of Mr. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hendrickson and family, \$1.00.

Bawlf, Alberta:  
Lutheran Mission Aid, \$10.00.

In memory of Mrs. Anna Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Zemlicka, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. E. Kvale and family, \$1.00; Elsie Lindroth, \$1.00; Mrs. M. Brager, \$1.00; Mrs. I. Haugen and boys, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. E. Holt and Norma, \$2.00; Henrietta and George Rollevstad, \$3.00; Mrs. Ellen Storvig and Mr. and Mrs. Gjelsvik, \$1.00.

In memory of Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. I. Haugen and boys, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Wetterberg, \$1.00.

In memory of Odin E. Moan, Mrs. Betha Moan, \$1.00.

In memory of Mrs. Sorenson, Mr. and Mrs. John Pehrson, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. E. Holt and Norma, \$1.00; Mrs. M. O. Hanson and family, \$2.00.

In memory of Mrs. E. Henty, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pederson, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. A. Guntrip and family, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Kuittem, \$1.00; Mrs. S. Molstad and Harold, \$2.00; Rogness Bros., \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. P. Bergquist, \$1.00; Mrs. Louisa Bergquist, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Wetterberg, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. A. Zemlicka, \$1.00.

In memory of Mrs. G. Berge, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kvale, \$1.00.

In memory of Mrs. N. C. Neilson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mosand and family, \$2.00.

In memory of Anton Andreason, Mr. and Mrs. O. Olesberg, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. A. Stenvig, \$1.00; Mrs. Rena Otteson, \$1.00; Hans Nelson, \$1.00; John Thompson, \$1.00; Hans Lee, \$1.00; Sister Marie Weiks, \$1.00; Stener Solee, \$1.00.

Bagley, Saskatchewan:

In memory of Mrs. Karoline Orvald, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Pederson, \$2.00.

Daysland, Alberta:  
In memory of Mrs. E. Henty, Mr. and Mrs. J. Krohle, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown, \$1.00; Mauritz Jakobson, \$2.00.

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JEG ER DØREN TIL FAARENE.—Joh. 10:7

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## Farlig Surdeig

7 s. etter trefoldighet—Matt. 16:5-12

De hadde glemt aa ta brød med. Og da Jesus advarte dem mot fariseernes og saduseernes surdeig, mente de i aandelig uforstand at det var det Jesus siktet til. Det hørte med til Herrens prøvelser, og ikke til de minste, denne forferdelige uaandelighet, hvormed hans ellers tro disipler tok i mot hans ord. Jesus refser dem derfor var mangle paa tro at de kunne tenke seg brødmangel som grunn til hans advarsel. De hadde jo sett underet med bespisningen baade av de 5,000 og de 4,000, og at det ble mange kurver til overs. De maatte da forstaa at den slags brød kunne Herren lett skaffe til veie, saa det var ikke om det han talte. Og da forsto de hva han mente: fariseernes og saduseernes lærdom og lære.

Fariseerne med deres selvlagede og selvrettfærdige fromhet, deres kolde seremonier, tradisjoner ogeksklusive innstilling overfor andre, saduseernes lettferdige, halv-hedenske vantro og rasjonalisme,—begge har sine etterfølgere ogsaa i dag. Særlig er pavekirken full av fariseisme, mens ny-rasjonalismen i mange protestantiske samfunn gaar i saduseerens spor . . .

Det er farlig ikke aa være en Jesu disippel. Den som viser fra seg Guds naade, faar ingen ting annet aa forlate seg paa enn sin egen kraft. Men den rekker ikke langt. "For vi har," skriver Paulus, "ikke kamp mot blod og kjød, men mot makter, mot myndigheter, . . . mot ondskapens aandelige i himmelrummet" (Ef. 6:12). Og menneskelig makt rekker ikke til naar det er spørsmål om aandernes strid om evig liv og evig død. Den som støter bort Guds naade er visselig fortaapt.

Men skjønt Bibelen saa ofte taler om farene for de som blir i verden, glemmer den ikke farene for de som vil gjøre alvaar av aa være Jesu disipler. Disse farer truer ikke bare den begynnende troen. Sant nok kan en ofte legge merke til at det er som om hele ondskapens aandelighet i samlet tropp vil angripe det menneske som nyss er vakt til aanderig liv. Men heller ikke den modne kristne gaar fri av fristelser. For han finnes det spesielle fristelser, kanskje ikke saa mange, men likevel saa mye farligere for han har vanskelig ved aa legge merke til naar de kommer. Angrepene paa vaart aandelige liv skjer saa lumskt at vi ikke vet ordet av det før vi faller.

Det er netop om disiplenes fristelser Jesus taler i vaar tekst. Han kaller dem fariseernes og saduseernes surdeig. Og det er farlig surdeig. Det var netop de tolv utvalgte som trengte denne advarselen, de som stod ham nærmere enn alle andre. En skulle kunne tro at avstanden mellom dem og fariseerne skulle være saa stor at en slik formanig burde være overflødig. Men Jesus kjenner menneskehjertets svakhet. Det er framfor alt du som er en disippel, en troende som trenger aa advares mot fariseismen.

Surdeigen har som vi vet, en ganske merkverdig egenskap. Det trenges saa lite av den i deigen for at den skal gjennomsyres, hvis gjæringsprosessen varer lenge nok. Med det blotte øye kan du ikke iaktta stor forandring i deigen mens gjæringen foregaar. Likevel skjer det en gjennomgripende forandring med den. Det merkes tydelig naar brødet er ferdig.

Slik er det ogsaa med fariseismens fristelser. De kommer over deg saa umerkelig at du ikkes synes det er nødvendig aa være paa noen særskilt vakt mot den. Det skal dog ikke mye til for at en disippel av Jesus for-

### Spørsmål:

Kan en sand kristen alltid være glad? Jeg synes at en kristen har mer grund til sorg end til glede, og naar der er saa meget der bringer sorg, hvorledes kan man da alltid være glad?

### Svar:

Det er nok sandt at der er meget der bringer sorg inn i en kristens liv. Det er for det første ens egne feil og til mer man faar se at man staar saa langt tilbake hvad livet angaar, da blir der mange tunge og sorgfulde dage. Dernest er det omgivelserne. Der er saa meget ondt ret rundt om oss og dette kan ikke andet end bringe sorg inn i et Guds barns hjerte. Synden kan ha faat magt over noen av de nærmeste og dem som staar en riktig ned i livet, og dette kan knuge en ned til fortvilelsens rand og senke en ned i sorgens mørke dal. Paulus kjendte til denne slags sorg. Han sier: Jeg har en stor sorg og en uavladelig gremmelse i mit hjerte — for mine brødre, mine frender etter kjødet. Grunden til denne sorg var at de vilde ikke omvende sig og bli frelste, men de gik med sikre skridet paa veien til den evige fortapelse. Ulykker og mødgame av forskjellig slags kan bringe megen sorg inn i en kristens liv.

Kan der under disse omstendigheter bli tale om glede? Maa det det ikke bare være sorg for en sand kristen?

Guds ord opfordrer til glede. David sier: Gleder eder i Herren og fryder eder. Paulus sier: Gleder eder i Herren alltid, atter sier jeg gleder eder. Det underlige er at midt under sorgen kan man da den reneste glede. Paulus sier som bedrøvende dog alltid glade. 2 Cor. 6.10.

Naar vi ser paa alt det onde og det skader oss baade til legeme og sjel da kan vi ikke andet end være bedrøvede, men saa kan vi vende blikket paa hvad Gud har gjort for oss og hvorledes vi kan gaa til ham med alt. Kaste al vor sorg paa ham, da fylles

derves i bunn og grunn. Utviklingen begynner med at litt aandelig selvghet og selvtilstrekkelighet vinner inngang i din sjel. Kanskje det er nok for deg aa sammenligne deg selv med de som ennaa staar utenfor Guds rike. Det kan være nok til at det aandelige hovmotet skal begynne sin gjæringsprosess og ødeleggende gjærning inne i hjertebunnen. Saa gaar prosessen videre: din skyldbevissthet skyves tilside av egenkjærlighet, og ditt forhold til Gud taper sitt liv og blir vanemessig. Et slikt menneske kan nok framdeles tale om sine aandelige opplevelser og erfaringer, ja, til og med paa et varmt, overbevisende spraak. Men Gud om ingen annen merker at det bare er ytre pynt og tomme ord. Det gaar ikke an aa bedra Gud, om du enn lykkes i aa bedra andre og kanskje deg selv og. Falsk lære og verdslighet er raiseismens kjennemerke. En liten feil kan, lik surdeig gjennomtrengende og markstikke, ut-hule hele din kristendom. Falsk lære er avskyelig for alle som vil høre Jesus til, fordi den er avskyelig for ham.

Fra fariseismens synd finnes det bare en redning. Det er den daglige omvendelse, bot og bønn om syndenes forlatelse. Det strekker ikke til det som en gang var ditt. Ditt aandelige liv maa stadig fødes paa nytt. Her gjelder fram for alt denne regel: stillstand er død. La det være ditt hjertes omsorg at ingen surdeig fra løgnens rike skall vinne inngang hos deg.

—H. Arnholt Strand.

## LITT SJELESORG

hjertet med glede, lov, tak og pris. En mor stod ved sit nedbrendte hus. Hun hadde mistet sit hjem. Hun stod blottet for alt, men midt under denne sorg, sa hun disse ord: Jeg er saa glad fordi at ingen av mine barn brendte inne. Man kunde tenkt at det maatte være bare sorg i denne mors hjerte men midt under sorgen var der en stille glede.

Naar jeg tenker paa mine synder, da er jeg saa glad fordi at jeg har en frelser og at han tok alt paa sig for at jeg skulde bli fri. Hvis ikke at jeg hadde noen synd, der bedrøvet mig, da vilde jeg heller ikke glede mig over min frelse fra synden. Naar sygdom og kunde det se ut til at det var bare sorg i mit hjerte. Men naar jeg da tenker paa at naar dette jordiske legeme gaar til grunde, da har jeg en bygning av Gud som ikke er gjort med hender evigt i Himmelen, da blir der glede i mit hjerte. Det der bringer sorg leder mig nettop hen til gledens kilde, saa en kristen har den foret at paa samme tid som han er bedrøvet, saa kan han ogsaa være glad.

Jesus har vist oss en serskilt stor grund til glede og det er naar en synder omvender sig til Gud. Da den forlorte søn vendte hjem og blev barn igjen, da staar der, og de begynte at være glade. Jesus sier ogsaa: Der er glede i Himlen naar en synder omvender sig.

Dette er en glede som Guds barn ogsaa faa erfare her paa jorden. Der blir frydesang naar sjele vindres enten det er her hjemme eller ute paa missionsmarken.

Vi er jo meget tilbøielige til at se paa det tunge og triste i livet og overgi oss til sorg, men det er ikke efter Herrens vilje. Han vil at vi skal se paa hans godhed mod oss og da blir den saa stor, at den dekker over det tunge og triste. Der blir saa meget at takke og prise Gud for, at livet blir lyst og let og det gaar som der staar om Israel da de vendte tilbake fra Babylon, da sang de: Da fyldtes min mund med latter og min tunge tunge med jubel.

David's salmer inneholder saa megen tak og lov og pris og mange av disse salmer blev skrevne medens David var i de største trengsler. Hvis at vi skal faa leve et liv fylt med glede de maa vi se op fra de mange tunge trengsler der bringer inn i hjertet og se hen til ham der tog alt paa sig og om hven der staar: Kast al eders sorg paa ham, ti han har amhu for eder. Dette letter hjertet og bringer glede inn i sjelen.

—S. H. Njaa.

### Han ble kuret

Det kom en gang en mann til meg og sladret paa en fraværende. Mens han talte satt jeg og skrev ned. Da han var ferdig, ba jeg ham sette sitt navn under. — Hvorfor det? sa han med en uskyldig mine. — Jo, fordi det gjelder en manns gode navn og rykte og vedkommende ikke er til stede og kan forsvare seg. Jeg vil naa undersøke saken, og de skal staa ansvarlig for det. De har sagt. Ansikt til ansikt med denne mann skal De faa gjøre regnskap for Deres ord.

Mannen tok tilbake alt han hadde sagt.

—Otto Funcke.

### Hvad Penge ikke kan

En Avis uskrev en Præmie-Konkur-rence om den bedste Definition af Penges Værdi. Det Svar, der vandt 1. Præmie, lød saaledes: "Penge kan skaffe dig alt muligt mellem Himmel og Jord—undtagen varig Lykke. Penge kan skaffe dig Adgang hvorsomhelst — undtagen til Himlen."

## I Brennpunktet

Det kristne fellesskap

slutten av juli samledes flere hundre ungdommer og eldre med til til vaart Kanada distrikts ungdomsforbunds konvensjon i Grande Prairie, Alberta. De representerer vaar kirkes framtid og kommer sammen under mottoet: "Hør Guds ord i dag!" Denne mønstring blir et mektig vitnesbyrd om hva Kristi kraft formaar i menneskeliv.

Det er ikke særeget for kristen ungdom aa møtes til konferanse. Kommunistungdommen og andre politiske partiers ungdom samles og bruker baade penger og tid til aa komme sammen og raadslaa om sine ideologiers utbredelse. Men spesielt for den kristne ungdom er at den har del i et fellesskap som er universelt, gitt av Gud og ikke skapt av mennesker. Dette samfunn eies i troen paa Jesus Kristus.

Dette fellesskapet er ikke bare en liten forsmak paa det Guds rike som engang skal virkeliggjøres i herlighet —Men det har ogsaa løfter for livet i denne verden. Det er med full rett sagt: "Den kristne kirke er i besittelse av den fellesskapets hemmelighet som hele verden leter etter."

Jo rikere en faar opleve kristne fellesskapet dess større blir forpliktelsen til aa vitne om Ham som kan gi andre del i den samme gaven. Og ansvaret blir særlig stort haar en tenker paa det skrikende behov menneskene i dag har for hjelp til aa finne en løsning paa sine mange problemer baade i forhold til Gud og andre mennesker.

Krigen viste paa en skremmende maate at den moralske og aandelige utviklingen ikke hadde gaatt haand i haand med de tekniske framsteg. Mange mistet derfor troen paa menneskets egen evne til selvforbedring og verdensforbedring. Her har det kristne fellesskap en særlig sjangse til aa forkynne at Jesus Kristus betyr haap og redning for den enkelte og for folkene. Det er dette glade budskap som inneholdes i mottoet: "Hør Guds ord i dag!"

Naa gjelder det for saa mange av vaar kirkes ungdom som paa noen maate kan komme fra dagliglivets plikter aa være med paa dette kristne fellesskapets stævne i Grande Prairie, for selv aa hent styrke of for aa gi styrke til andre som trenger det saart. Dessverre er det visst sant et der er en del "møtetretthet" siden krigen sluttet. Det er ikke saa lett aa faa folk ut til kristne møter og stævner som det var under krigen. Mange av vaart kirkefolk er ikke "convention conscious," og svekker derved det kristne fellesskap. Som en eldre mann sa for noen aar siden her oppe i Peace River distriktet: "Folk har for liten møtetrang." La det naa vise seg at vi har møtetrang ved at vi kommer ut mann av huse, ikke bare for ungdomsstvnets siste dag, men hver dag. Og her kan far og mor gjøre mye for aa oppmuntre sine unge sønner og døtre til aa komme ved selv aa planlegge sitt arbeid for stavedagene slik at de alle—hele familien blir fri til aa være med i dette kristne fellesskap.

—H. A. S.

### Kredsmøde

Swift Current kredsmøde blev avholdt i Tethania kirke, R. L. Seastrands kald, den 28-30 mai. Tekst Efes. 6:10-20. Guds ord blev talt indtrengende. Søndag ver den store kirke fylt til sidste plads. Pastor og Mrs. Christianson sang flere gode sang og sangkoret gav flere numre.

Her i byen har ve haft besøk av student Hagen. I Juli vil vor nye prest antagelig komme. —E. E. Gordon.



## BETHANY SUNSET HOME DONATIONS

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In memory of Mrs. Wiseman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown, \$2.00.

## Edberg, Alberta:

In memory of A. Johnson and G. Reiersen, Edberg Ladies' Aid, \$10.00.

## Edmonton, Alberta:

In memory of Mrs. Anna Anderson, Mrs. Helen Scheidegger, \$1.00.

In memory of Mrs. Lowry, Mr. and Mrs. B. Owren, \$1.00; Mrs. Ida Owren and Margaret, \$2.00; Mrs. H. Scheidegger, \$1.00.

## Haney, B.C.:

## Bodo, Alberta:

In memory of Mrs. Andra Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Knute Paulgaard, \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Paulgaard, \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Paulgaard (Lrs) and family, \$5.00; Mrs. H. Larson, \$3.00.

## Cadogan, Alberta:

In memory of Mrs. G. Berg, Mr. and Mrs. S. Aason, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Kjos, \$3.00.

## Calgary, Alberta:

Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. Morstad, pastor, friends of M. Molstad, \$12.00.

## Camrose, Alberta:

In memory of Mr. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hendrickson and family, \$1.00.

In memory of Mrs. E. Henty, Mr. Carl Larson, \$1.00; Mrs. Helene Strom, \$1.00.

In memory of Mrs. N. C. Neilson, Mr. and Mrs. Crimmon, C. A. Christianson, Mr. and Mrs. McLennan, Mrs. T. Christianson, Mrs. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. C. Sorenson, \$6.00.

In memory of Anton Andreason, Mrs. Betty Olson, \$1.00.

In memory of Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Susie Wright \$1.00.

## Chagoness, Saskatchewan:

Grandma Tuch, \$1.00.

## Chauvin, Alberta:

In memory of Mrs. A. Johnson, Mrs. John Johnson, \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Erickson and Martin Erickson, \$4.00.

## Chelan, Saskatchewan:

In memory of Martin Noe, Lutheran Ladies' Aid, \$5.00.

## Dawson Creek, B.C.:

In memory of Mr. O. P. Sorgen, Mr. and Mrs. William Gilbertson, \$1.00.

Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Eggen, \$5.00.

In memory of A. Andreason, Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Eggen, \$1.00.

## Hay Lakes, Alberta:

In memory of Arlene Miller, Mr. and Mrs. T. Sware and Faith, \$2.00; Fred Wall and family, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Ole Feragen, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. H. Grahn and family, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Sware, \$1.00.

## Hemet, California, U.S.A.:

Miss Bestha Eggen, in memory of Mr. M. Molstad, \$5.00.

## Holden, Alberta:

In memory of Mrs. P. Sorenson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Huseby, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Hans Huseby, \$1.00; Harry, Julia, and Larry Johnson, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. O. Sorgen, Mr. and Mrs. K. Sorgen and Bob, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Gust Johnson and Lenord, \$1.00; Mrs. Dorrin and Freddie, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gunderson, \$2.00.

In memory of Ole P. Sorgen, Mrs. O. P. Sorgen, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sorgen and Weldon, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sorgen, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bergun and family, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Sorgen, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Hartvig Sorgen and family, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sorgen and family, \$1.00; Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Klewen and family, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Aldridge and family, \$1.00; Mrs. J. R. Coates and family, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goodwin and family, Phillip and Robert Sorgen, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Meister and family, \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. H. Fadness, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Hans Brekstad, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Hans Huseby, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Huseby, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Huseby, \$1.00; Alfred Bratuds and Cliff Bratuds, \$2.00; Mr. Dorrin and Freddie, \$1.00; Mr. E. Forre and Fowler, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Gust Johnson and Lenord, \$1.00; Ebba and Peter Sorenson, \$2.00.

## Kingman, Alberta:

In memory of Mrs. Lowry, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Evanson and family, \$2.00; Oscar and Olga Hall, \$2.00.

## Matsqui, B.C.:

In memory of Mrs. Berge, Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Kandel, \$2.00.

## Milo, Alberta:

In memory of Mrs. S. Jacobson, Prince Rupert, B.C., Lutheran Ladies' Aid, \$5.00.

## McLaughlin, Alberta:

In memory of Mrs. A. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Johnson and Johanna, \$3.00.

## New Norway, Alberta:

In memory of Mrs. J. Tronnes:

Ben Kvelland, K. Kvelland and family, Clara and Benny Walle, together, \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Johnson and family, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Murvin Johnson and family, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Pearson, \$2.00; Lutheran Ladies' Aid, \$2.00.

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## WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

MRS. GILBERT HOYME, Editor, Camrose, Alberta

## WALKING WITH GOD

A new era for women was ushered in with the coming of Jesus. Women like Mary and Martha were with Jesus and ministered unto Him. Tabitha, or Dorcas, rendered Christian social service. Phoebe, the first deaconess, organized and supervised the work of charity. The deaconess work caused the pagans to exclaim, "Ye Gods, what women these Christians have!"

Today, women are taking their places beside the men in industry and other walks of life and their sphere of influence is widened accordingly. How necessary then to ask ourselves the question: Are we walking with God and permitting Him to guide us in our daily tasks? Is not obedience to God revealed in the manner in which one attends to the duties of everyday life? How do we spend our time in the home, church and community? We read, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord." Notice the words, "in the Lord." If we as parents do not obey the Lord, our children need not honor and obey us. Children learn by watching their elders, and form character traits and habits, accordingly. The home must of necessity recognize the good and eradicate the evil influences. In Prov. 22:6 we read, "Train the child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." It does not say that all the training should be left to the secular and the Sunday Schools but clearly refers to the parents and home.

Consciously, and unconsciously, a child will imitate its parents, and to be fit examples, we must try to imitate Jesus, or in other words, obey Him. Obedience is a requirement of divine law according to Deut. 27:10. "Thou shalt, therefore, obey the voice of the Lord thy God and do His commandments and statutes which I command thee this day." Cheerful obedience is actuated by love as Christ said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words and my Father will love him and we will come unto Him and make our abode with Him."

Love is a proof of discipleship and you know the disciples walked with Jesus. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another." To profess Christianity and, at the same time, possess a hard, unkind, and unforgiving nature is, in the light of scripture, living a lie and may cause a weaker brother or sister to say, "If that is being a Christian, I don't want to be one." May God help us realize that actions speak louder than words, and that we are living examples day by day, either for good or for evil.

We can prove our love for God and our neighbor by being diligent workers in our congregations and Ladies' Aids. Give and work for the furtherance of God's Kingdom are aims of the W.M.F. Give as the Lord has given to you of time, talents and money. They all belong to Him. Even cold hard cash can be transformed into such beautiful things as: feed the hungry; shelter the homeless; care for children and the aged; rescue the fallen, and bring the Gospel to all the world. Money is one of God's good gifts to us, but too little is given back to Him. A speaker over the air said that more money is spent for tobacco in one year than has been spent for Christian missions since the time of Columbus — over a period of 450 years. He also said if church people would tithe, the two billion souls yet unreached by the gospel could be contacted in ten years. Walking with God, then, must mean also sharing with those less fortunate than ourselves.

Women have always played an important role in the religious life of the nation. God must have endowed them with a quicker perception of what is

right, as DeWitt Talmadge said: When religion comes to a neighborhood, the first to receive it are the women, then all the distressed and poor of both sexes, those who have no friend except Jesus. Last of all, come the greatly prospered. If that is the case, God expects us to be diligent and obedient in spreading the Gospel. May we be able to say with the psalmist David, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life."

—Inanda Hoyme.

## SOUTHERN ALBERTA W.M.F.

The Southern Alberta W.M.F. convention was held in Trinity Lutheran Church, Calgary, with Rev. G. E. Morstad, pastor.

The morning worship service was conducted by the Rev. O. H. Haugen, Claresholm.

At the afternoon session the vice-president, Mrs. Artun Fjordbotten, presided, in the absence of the president, Mrs. Anker Berg. A greeting from the president was read to the convention assembled.

Two very fine topics on "The Family Altar" were given. The first one, prepared by Mrs. Trygve Skretting of Enchant, dealt with two sub-topics: 1, Why have the family altar, and 2, Obstacles and difficulties. She based her remarks on Duet. 6:6-9, and emphasized that God is able and willing to help us overcome all obstacles and difficulties if we are willing to accept His help.

The second topic was developed by Mrs. Northcott of Milo, on how to conduct a Family Altar. Many very fine suggestions were offered to fit conditions found in the many different types of homes.

We were very happy to have with us our District president, Mrs. Haave and Miss Clara Jones. Mrs. Haave presented in detail the various departments of the W.M.F. Miss Jones declared that the W.M.F. is the backbone of all missionary enterprise, and also told of her bedside visit with the late Mrs. Normann, general president of the W.M.F.

The reports of the department secretaries were but no new officers were elected. The following are in office: President, Mrs. Anker Berg, Claresholm; vice-president, Mrs. Artun Fjordbotten, Granum; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Odin Berg, Claresholm; missions, Mrs. R. Skippen, Calgary; charities, Miss Nicoline Otteson, Enchant; Education, Mrs. Oscar Olson, Calgary; life membership and in memoriam, Mrs. Trygve Skretting, Enchant; promotion, Mrs. C. Northcott, Milo.

In the evening Miss Clara Jones gave a very stirring address on missions. Clad in a Chinese costume she spoke of the work of our missionaries in war devastated and sin-sick China. She told how they ministered to the needs of these suffering souls by bringing them the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

—Merlene Haugen.

## SWIFT CURRENT W.M.F.

Swift Current Circuit W.M.F. had one of their best attended conventions in Swift Current. Most of the Ladies' Aids had delegates present and there were many visitors.

The highlight of the convention was the address given by Miss Clara Jones, that gave a thrilling survey of the missionary work in China.

For the first time in years there was a District officer present in the person of Mrs. Haave, president. Her presence added to the enjoyment of the convention. Pastor Haave led morning devotional service. Special musical numbers were given by Mrs. Rolf Oadland and the Rev. and Mrs. Christenson.

The following officers were elected for two years: President, Mrs. R. J. Muri, Hallonquist; vice-president,

Mrs. George Gilbertson, Frontier; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Rolf Oadland, Chamberg; life membership and in memoriam, Mrs. Dick Anderson, missions, Mrs. R. L. Seastrand, Cabri; charities, Mrs. Birgir Johnson, Crichton; education, Mrs. Lloyd Culham, Cabri; promotion and historian, Mrs. Otto Riese, Frontier.

The members of St. Olaf Ladies' Aid were our kind hostesses, serving both dinner and afternoon coffee, which added much to our comfort and enjoyable fellowship.

—Mrs. George Gilbertson.

## ARE WE CONCERNED?

Jas. 4:17 "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

It is a burden to many of us that so few come to church or have an interest in the Kingdom of God. As Christians, I feel we need to search our hearts, especially as we often hear, "The Church people do not care if I come or not," or similar reason.

Let us honestly ask ourselves if we do our part to make others welcome to our services and church activities or do we leave it to our pastor. We need to show the unchurched that they need the church and most of all, Jesus Christ, in their hearts, as well as the church needs them. But often we will judge and criticize those who do not come to church rather than to go out of our way to win them for Christ.

It is also sad to admit the "aged friends" in our midst are often neglected and they feel as though they are no longer welcome. May God help us to be more thoughtful of them and help them in every way we can.

There are also many young people that are being neglected, especially those away from home. We should invite them to our church, our home, yes into our hearts and help them on the way of life.

Yes, Christian, around you are many needy souls—lonely, aged, discouraged and sick. What are we doing for them?

—Mrs. Henning Olsen.

## SCANDINAVIAN IMPRESSIONS

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definitely not Communists of the Russian brand. You may be wondering about the church and the spiritual life in the Scandinavian countries. Well, I am wondering about that too. As far as I saw it there was not much interest for the things of the Spirit. I took part in services of various kinds, both in Denmark and Norway. I preached in churches and in mission houses, and spoke in school houses. Most interest was perhaps shown when a lecture on Canada was announced. The attendance was poor in most places, nowhere did church services seem to interest the young people, but in Norway I saw the young people flock out to the mountains for skiing. It was there and in that way they were going to celebrate Easter. In my home community the people honored me with a good attendance when I spoke at the services, but I know that it was not usual for them to attend church service in so great numbers. Only on a few occasions did I see capacity attendance. One time was a confirmation service which I did not enjoy because of the impersonal way in which the confirmation was conducted. Another time was in a large mission house in Copenhagen where I heard F. Wislof of Norway. No, the spiritual life as I saw in Denmark and in Norway is at a low ebb. Let us pray for them and for our own nation, the only Salvation for the individual as well as for the nations is a turning back to Good, in repentance and faith. Let us do that, by the grace of God, we shall go forward.